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## Trinity Messenger

February 2024 Issue 3

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*Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia. Matt 4:4*

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### February Congregation Council Meeting Report

At the February 8 Congregation Council Meeting, the council:

- Met with Assistant to the Bishop Deacon Marsha Roscoe and synod Treasurer Joe Stepansky. They made recommendations to reduce significantly the congregation's budget, most of which the Finance Committee and Council have considered. They reviewed with the Council several options for the congregation going forward. The Council will consider these recommendations as it prepares options and recommendations for the congregation to consider at the April 28 congregational meeting.
- Heard a report from Treasurer Larry Hummer that the 2023 audit was conducted by Dean Hoover of WNC, Reamstown. All 2023 financial reports are accurate and there were no findings or recommendations for changes.
- Decided **not** to contract with Partners for Sacred Spaces for a study costing \$12,000 to determine how our building might be better used, especially for rental income.
- Heard a report from the Communications Committee that Theresa Mull has agreed to be the congregation's Facebook site manager. Contact Theresa with information to be posted on Facebook.

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### Stewardship Special Giving for February Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

The Church, in a place and time apart...Where God's presence is experienced, Faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel! Our mission is to be a gracious expression of God's love for all people.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania operates three facilities: Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and the Wittel Farm; with a variety of outdoor experiences in a uniquely Lutheran tradition. Each summer, hundreds of young people, adults, and families come to camp to grow in faith through adventure, nature, and creative arts experiences.

Retreat programs are offered for all ages throughout the year. Plus, all facilities are available for rent by retreat groups, church groups, and families.

The Growing Project at the Wittel Farm is a volunteer-supported working farm that grows fresh fruits and vegetables, which are donated to address food insecurity in Lancaster County.

As a Reconciling in Christ organization, all people are invited and welcome to enjoy the goodness of God's creation through the community at camp.

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## Why Camp?

### A place for Christ-centered community

Daniel comes from a family that is all about baseball. Their vacations and their summer plans all revolve around coaching, playing, and refereeing games and visiting famous ballparks and baseball history museums. But every summer, Daniel makes sure that he has one week set aside to go to camp – even if it means missing a game or two.

“A week at camp is like nothing else I do,” Daniel says. “It’s different than being on a team playing a game. Our cabin group – and the whole camp community – is like a family. The counselors are fun, and you can tell they really care about us, and nobody has to be the best at anything – we just have fun together! And I like talking about God with the staff and other people my age.”

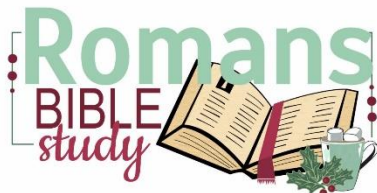
Camp provides daily opportunities for prayer, faithful conversation with other Christians, stewardship of God’s Creation, elements of service to God and others, and daily devotions. We hear and experience God’s Word, and have opportunities to put it immediately into practice. We live out our baptismal promises, reminded that we are named, claimed, and sent. It’s an immersion in a loving, grace-filled community of Christ that offers us the a glimpse of the promised Kingdom - a fully immersive experience of the loving presence of Jesus, thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit - and, as Daniel reminds us, we also have a lot of fun.

Maybe it’s time we rethink the value we place on church camp. It really does reinforce everything we teach about being a beloved child of God and allows us to encounter the living Christ in powerful ways.

**Register Now for Summer Camp at  
LutheranCamping.org**

**The Lutheran Camping Corporation of  
Central Pennsylvania**

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm  
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LutheranCamping.org



### New Bible Exploration

Beginning Tuesday, February 27 you are invited to join in a study of the book of *Romans*. The study will take place each Tuesday morning from 11:00 AM to roughly 12:00 PM. “In his *Preface to Romans* Martin Luther writes, ‘this epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel...It is a bright light, almost sufficient to illuminate the entire Holy Scriptures’” (*Martin Luther’s Basic Theological Writings*, second ed., Fortress, 2005 pp. 98-99). *Romans* is also the most challenging of the Pauline epistles and will likely provide those participating with significant, in-depth discussion and new ideas to chew on as we wade through it and learn and grow together in our faith lives and our relationships with God and our Lord. There will be sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for those who are interested in participating.



If you are interested in volunteering for The (Compassion) Project in July, please contact Rob Gilbert.

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## Child Protection Policy Training

Our new church insurance policy requires that all persons of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, staff and volunteers alike, who presently have a background check on file or wish to volunteer during 2024 must attend an annual child protection training at which the congregational Child Protection Policy is reviewed. To assist you in fulfilling this requirement there will be a training for all those to whom this applies on **Sunday, February 25 during the Adult Forum**. There will be sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area, so please include your name so we can make sure there are enough materials available for everyone attending the training.

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Come "Getty" some spaghetti 🍝!!

Fellowship is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

Just food and fellowship. All are welcome! Sign up sheets for attendance and donation of foods will be in the gathering area. Come feed your soul and your stomach. **Special Note: Bring Your Own Bubbly!** Questions or concerns, please see Kathy Kuhns.



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Caruso's Restaurant after the liturgy on March 10. We'll meet downstairs immediately after the liturgy. All are welcome. Plan to join us!



Notes of **THANKS**

I want to thank everyone for the cards and phone call that I received since my operation. I also wanted to thank Donna and Pastor Mark for the phone calls and visit. I feel blessed to be part of such a caring congregation. Dave Bowers



# EASTER FLOWERS 2024 EASTER IS EARLY THIS YEAR!

It is time once again to think about Easter flowers as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection, March 31, 2024

Flowers may be presented to the glory of God and "In memory of...", or "In honor of..."

Orders may be brought into or mailed to the church office. All mail orders must be received no later than **Monday, March 4**, and must be accompanied by payment. Make Checks payable to Holy Trinity. Additional forms are available in the Gathering Area.

The cost of each plant is as follows:

Tulip - \$6.25 - 6.5" pot Daffodils - \$10.80 - 8" pot

Lilies - \$8.30 - 5-6 blooms Mums - \$7 - 6" pot

Hyacinths - \$6.40 - 3 bulbs 6.5" pot

(Sorry, no color choice)

Persons ordering flowers are responsible for picking them up following the Easter Day Liturgy.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

How many \_\_\_\_\_ Lily \$8.30  
How many \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils \$10.80  
How many \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips \$6.25  
How many \_\_\_\_\_ Mums \$7.00  
How many \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths \$6.40

To the glory of God and:  
IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Pickleball update

Pickleball Court is available every Tuesday from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. Anyone who is experienced or a beginner is welcome. See Ron Kerschner if you have any questions.





## Celebration Choir Schedule for February

- \*Wednesday, February 21 - 6:45 PM - Celebration Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary
- \*Sunday, February 25 - sing "Old Rugged Cross" - meet at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary to rehearse before the service

**Senior Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45 PM! All are welcome!!!**

**BELL CHOIR Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.**



## February 18-24 Calendar

<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
<b>Monday, February 19</b>	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
<b>Tuesday, February 20</b>	
8:00am	Pickleball
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	
12:00pm	Luther Lunch Ladies
6:30pm	Senior Choir
7:30pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday, February 22</b>	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
<b>Saturday, February 24</b>	
7:30am	Walking Group



### Wednesdays during Lent

#### Evening Prayer:

Wednesday: February 21, February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27.

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**Ash Wednesday Servers:**

**Council Team:** Kathrin Baltz, Christy Boos  
**Assisting Minister:** Kathy Kuhns  
**Lector:** Norm Wangman  
**Acolytes:** Clarice Doughty  
**Ushers:** Peggy Dean, Ed Quirke  
**Altar Guild:** Denise Shirker, Kelly Homan, Ann & Bob Snader  
**Linens:** Brenda Wangman



**February 18th Servers:**

**Council Team:** Bill Spitzer, John Fuehrer  
**Assisting Minister:** Ed Quirke  
**Lector:** Bill Young  
**Acolytes:** Natalie Mull  
**Ushers:** Norm Wangman, Phyllis Doughty, Winnie Gerlach  
**Altar Guild:** Brenda Wangman, Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett  
**Linens:** Patrice Mull  
**Flowers:** Heather Zimmerman

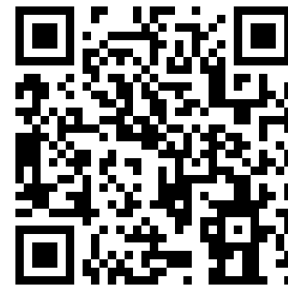
**Office Hours: February 19-23, 2024**

We recommend you call the office prior to stopping in to ensure hours have not changed.  
**Office Phone: 717-733-4134 Pastor's Cell: 315-317-8517 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831**  
**Office email: [officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org](mailto:officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org)**

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Monday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00AM -12:00 noon	OFF

**Make Your Regular Offering Electronically**

On the Holy Trinity website ([www.holytrinityephrata.org](http://www.holytrinityephrata.org)), a tab on the menu bar called "Online Giving" will take you to a secure web site for you to give. You can also give your Regular Offering, your Special Appeal donation, your building fund, or your Homes of Hope fund donation by using your Smart Phone and following the QR code.



*Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!*